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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: US VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ADMIRAL JOHNSON

REF: CAPTEOWN 0706 (NOTAL)

1. I AGREE FULLY WITH AMB HURD'S VIEW THAT A "PRIVATE"
VISIT OF ADMIRAL JOHNSON NOT IN OUR INTEREST NOR INDEED
THAT OF SAG. DESPITE OUR VETO, REACTION TO MY OCT 30
STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA IN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS SO FAR BEEN
POSITIVE. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE FURTHER DOUBT CAST ON
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MY STATEMENT THAT "UNITED STATES HAS NOT COLLABORATED

WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON MILITARY OR NAVAL MATTERS FOR OVER
A DECADE AND HAS NO INTENTION OF BEGINNING SUCH COOPERATION
IN THE FUTURE."

2. AMB HURD'S AND SECY EASUM'S TACTICS FOR MEETING PROBLEM SEEM
FROM THIS DISTANCE ENTIRELY PERSUASIVE. IF DEPT AND EMBASSY
CAPETOWN THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE CAN RAISE
QUESTION WITH BOTHA HERE. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW FORTH-
RIGHTLY HE WOULD REPORT TO CAPETOWN ANY REPRESENTATIONS
MADE TO HIM HERE, BUT THINK HE WOULD READILY UNDERSTAND
PROBLEM.

3. IT SEEMS TO ME FAR PREFERABLE TO HEAD OFF VISIT BEFORE
IT GAINS FURTHER MOMENTUM. ALTERNATIVE IS LATER DECISION
ON WHETHER TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL USG STATEMENT ASSERTING TRIP
HAS NO OFFICIAL CHARACTER. SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD BE
AT SAME TIME LEAST WE COULD DO AND NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.
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